

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the second paragraph beginning at page 8, line 13, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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Cutting facility **28** includes a longitudinally moveable spanning member, termed a burn carriage, or bridge **30** located to straddle a pathway, or track, of a material transport apparatus or, transfer system **32**, described more fully below. Bridge **30** is mounted on wheels **34** at either end, wheels **34** being mounted on a pair of parallel ways **36, 37** to permit travel in the x direction. Bridge **30** has an electric geared drive **38** that is operable in cooperation with toothed racks adjacent to ways **36, 37** to move bridge **30** longitudinally with a level of precision appropriate for cutting a profile in the work-piece material. Cutting facility **28** includes four plasma-arc cutting heads **40, 41, 42** and **43**, all mounted to bridge **30**, and each being operable to move along the span (that is, in the y-direction) of the bridge **30** to permit cutting of each objects located beneath bridge **30** as required. In addition to x-y motion the cutting heads can also be titled tilted to produce a bevelled, or chamfered edge. Cutting facility **28** is controlled numerically by a computer **46** mounted beside the operator console **44** the cutting heads **40** to **43** being employed to cut profiles in sheets of material according to design information fed into a compote **46**.